MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It depends upon various circumstances. Perhaps the men appointed already have been acting.

MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED (*Nominated*): May I know if the Chief Secretary is of opinion that no new appointment was made during these two years?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot say that now.

MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED (*Nominated*): Do the Government think they are consistent in their avowed policy towards Mussalmans in this respect?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): When new vacancies arise, their claims will be considered with sympathy.

MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED (*Nominated*): Will the Chief Secretary be in a position to give the approximate number of appointments made during the same period?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot give the number even approximately.

MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED (*Nominated*): May I ask the Chief Secretary whether he is aware that three out of the four applicants have left Travancore already after being baffled in their attempts to secure appointments?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I am not aware.

MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED (*Nominated*): Will he kindly take it from me?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Earmarking of Lands for the Land Colonisation Scheme.

115. **MR. N. V. JOSEPH** (*Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the grievance and discontent prevailing among the people of Kunnatnad on account of the arbitrary method adopted by the subordinates of the Revenue Department in earmarking lands to be brought under the Land Colonisation Scheme; and

(*b*) whether they will be pleased to take early steps to safeguard the vested interests of the several tenants in the taluk who have expended much money and labour in improving Government lands in the hope of getting them registered in their names in due course?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The Government are not aware of any grievance or discontent prevailing among the people of the Kunnatnad taluk in the matter of earmarking lands for disposal under the Land Colonisation Rules. The earmarking of lands for the purpose has not yet been done and the subordinates of the Revenue Department have nothing to do with the matter. The work has to be done by the committee of officials and non-officials appointed

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under G. O. Dis. No. 1314 of 25/Revenue, dated the 20th October 1925, after local inspection of the available lands. The member's attention is also invited to Rule 7 of the Land Colonisation Rules which contains adequate provisions for dealing with cases of occupation of Government lands, from which lands for colonisation purposes have to be selected.

Jenmi-Kudiyan Bill.

116. **MR. K. I. JOSEPH** (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the need for a Regulation to amend the present Jenmi and Kudiyan Regulation;

(*b*) whether they have received several representations from the people setting forth their grievances and needs and urging certain changes in the Bill that has been published in the *Gazette*; and

(*c*) whether the Government propose to make the necessary changes in the Bill in the light of the representations made by the *kudiyans* and introduce the same in the Legislative Council at an early date?

MR. KAYYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): (*a*) and (*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Neither the *Jennies* nor the *Kudiyans* are satisfied with the draft Bill in its present form and they have sent representations explaining their objections. The Government have therefore held over the question for further deliberation.

Law's Delays Committee.

117. **MR. K. I. JOSEPH** (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether final orders have been passed by them appointing the proposed Law's Delays Committee; and

(*b*) if so, when the Committee is expected to begin its work and within what time it is to submit its report?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Provision has been made in the Preliminary Budget for 1102 for expenditure on account of the proposed Law's Delays Committee.

(*b*) The Committee is to commence work early in Chingam 1102, as soon as the budget is passed by the Council. It is expected that the Committee will be able to complete its labours in eight months.

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